



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Docket No. 406990)

In re the Application of: ) Customer No. 27717  
Rakesh Bhakta )  
Serial No.: 10/040,603 ) Art Unit: 2136  
Filed: January 7, 2002 ) Examiner B. Hoffman  
For: Gaming Device with Biometric )  
System )  
)

**DECLARATION OF GARRETTSON ELLIS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

I, Garrettson Ellis, hereby declare:

1. I am a registered patent attorney at the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 4200, Chicago, Illinois 60603.
2. I am the patent attorney who prepared the above identified patent application.
3. On July 5, 2001, a Patent Request submitted by the applicant Rakesh Bhakta was printed at IGT. The Patent Request discloses a gaming machine using smart cards and involves the storage of a set of fingerprints on a smart card or other type of player tracking card. It also discloses the use of fingerprint scanners enclosed within the play buttons on the gaming machines (i.e., cash out, max bet, hold buttons). When the smart card is inserted and the patron pushes a button, the scanner in the buttons scans the finger and compares that image with the one stored in the smart card to determine if the player matches the smart card. A copy of the Patent Request display, showing that it was disclosed to David Oles by the inventor and submitted on

June 26, 2001, is attached as Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 also shows, on the bottom of both pages, that the Patent Request display was printed on July 5, 2001.

4. On August 22, 2001, one of the patent attorneys working with me, George H. Gerstman, received a fax from IGT, Mr. Bhakta's employer. The fax included a copy of the Patent Request (Exhibit 1) for Mr. Gerstman's review. A redacted copy of the August 22, 2001 fax and enclosure is attached as Exhibit 2.

5. Between August 22, 2001 and August 27, 2001, I reviewed the invention disclosure sent to Mr. Gerstman and I mailed to IGT a letter in that regard dated August 27, 2001. A redacted copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 3. My letter concerned invention record P-699, which is the invention record of the instant application and which also corresponds to the IGT docket number of the instant application.

6. On August 31, 2001, Lena Van Asdale, a patent attorney at IGT, sent me an email advising me to prepare a patent application on the P-699 invention disclosure. A copy of this email is attached as Exhibit 4.

7. On September 15, 2001, Lena Van Asdale sent an email to the inventor regarding the patent application. On September 17, 2001, the inventor sent Ms. Van Asdale a responding email and later that day on September 17, the inventor sent an additional email to Ms. Van Asdale concerning the patent application. A copy of the September 15 and September 17, 2001 emails is attached as Exhibit 5.

8. Between August 31, 2001 and October 15, 2001, I prepared a draft patent application and on October 15, 2001, I enclosed the copy of the draft patent application

to the inventor. A copy of my October 15, 2001 letter to the inventor (without the enclosure) is attached as Exhibit 6.

9. I was diligent in preparing the P-699 patent application draft. During the month of September 2001 and October 2001, I had a heavy docket with numerous patent applications and amendments to prepare which I believe I took up in proper order.

10. Between October 15, 2001 and November 8, 2001, the inventor reviewed the draft patent application and provided comments, which were sent to me on November 8, 2001. A copy of the November 8, 2001 letter sending me comments and revisions to the application (without the enclosure) is attached as Exhibit 7.

11. On November 19, 2001, the inventor sent me an email relating to information pertinent to the invention. A copy of the inventor's November 19, 2001 email is attached as Exhibit 8.

12. On November 20, 2001, I sent to the inventor a revised draft of the patent application, responsive to his comments and to a telephone conversation. A copy of my November 20, 2001 letter is attached as Exhibit 9. With the letter and revised patent application, I also attached a Declaration and Power of Attorney, plus an Assignment, for execution by the inventor.

13. On December 6, 2001, the inventor executed the Assignment. A copy of the Assignment is attached as Exhibit 10. Between November 21 and December 18, 2001, the inventor reviewed the application and signed the Declaration on December 18, 2001. A copy of the signed Declaration, dated December 18, 2001, is attached as Exhibit 11.

14. Immediately after the Christmas/New Year holidays, on January 2, IGT sent to me the executed patent application paper for filing. A copy of Ms. DiMino's January 2, 2002 letter is attached as Exhibit 12. It can be seen on Exhibit 12 that Mr. Gerstman at Seyfarth Shaw acknowledged the receipt of these documents on January 3, 2002.

15. On January 7, 2002, Mr. Gerstman prepared the transmittal documents and Express Mail Certificate and the patent application was filed at the U.S. PTO on that date. The date of January 7, 2002, constitutes a constructive reduction to practice of the application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Nov 28, 2005

Date



Garrettson Ellis

# Patent Request Display

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Submit Date 06/26/2001

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Conception Date

Title player identification

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**Background** BACKGROUND OF INVENTION to make it possible for a casino to keep a track of players using a gaming machine by using the smart card on a player tracking unit or gaming machine

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**Submitted**

**Approved**

**Patent Attorney**

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## Via Facsimile

**TO:** George Gerstman, Esq.

**FAX:** 312-269-8869

**FROM:** Lena T. Van Asdale  
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Telephone: (775) 448-7775  
Fax: (775) 448-0120

**DATE:** August 22, 2001

**Number of Pages (including cover sheet):** 4

**Message:** Please see attached.

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August 22, 2001

**VIA FAXCIMILE**

George H. Gerstman, Esq.  
Seyfarth Shaw  
55 East Monroe  
Suite 4200  
Chicago, Illinois 60603-5803

Re: New Invention Disclosure  
Entitled: "Player Identification"  
Our File No.: P-699

Dear George:

Please find attached the above-identified invention disclosure.

1. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the inventor Rakesh Bhakta directly at (702) 896-8261.

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence by executing the acknowledgement block at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to me via facsimile at (775) 448-0120. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (775) 448-7775.

Very truly yours,

Lena T. Van Asdale  
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Kimberley DiMino

**ACKNOWLEDGED, RECEIVED AND AGREED TO:**

SEYFARTH SHAW

By: George H. Gerstman

Print Name: George H. Gerstman

Title: Partner

Date: Aug 22, 2001

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August 27, 2001

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Lena T. Van Asdale, Esq.  
Associate General Counsel  
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*Re: New Invention Record P 699 and case P 220*

Dear Lena:

You wrote George on August 22, 2001 asking him to review the invention disclosure P 699 and application P 220, and George handed it on to me.

I think Mr. Bhakta does disclose something new in his invention record P 699: particularly his suggestion of putting fingerprint scanners within the play buttons on a gaming machine. Thus, the identity of the player is automatically confirmed as against the identity on the smart card the person is using.

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Lena T. Van Asdale, Esq.

August 27, 2001

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Cordially yours,

SEYFARTH, SHAW

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**To:** "gellis@seyfarth.com" <gellis@seyfarth.com>  
**Date:** 8/31/01 4:25PM  
**Subject:** P-699 "Player Identification"

Please proceed and prepare a separate patent application for the above-identified invention disclosure.

Lena

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**From:** Bhakta.Rakesh  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2001 9:34 AM  
**To:** VanAsdale.Lena  
**Subject:** RE: P-699 "Player Identification"

I've been told that the feature is not being displayed at the show

-----Original Message-----

**From:** VanAsdale.Lena  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2001 8:54 AM  
**To:** Bhakta.Rakesh  
**Subject:** RE: P-699 "Player Identification"

The attorney handling your patent application is Garry Ellis at Seyfarth Shaw in Chicago. His phone number is 312-269-8518.

With respect to the filing deadline of P-699, what I need to know is whether this feature will be displayed at the show. Please find that out for me. Thanks.

Lena

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bhakta.Rakesh  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2001 8:52 AM  
**To:** VanAsdale.Lena  
**Subject:** RE: P-699 "Player Identification"

I don't know however I would like the phone number of the attorney who contacted me as I accidentally erased the message he left me

thanks

Rakesh

-----Original Message-----

**From:** VanAsdale.Lena  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 15, 2001 10:06 AM  
**To:** Bhakta.Rakesh  
**Cc:** Dimino.Kimberley.A  
**Subject:** P-699 "Player Identification"

Please let me know if this patent application needs to be filed before the show.  
Thanks.

Lena

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October 15, 2001

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Rakesh Bhakta  
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Reno, Nevada 89511

***Re: Your Ref.: P-699  
GAMING DEVICE WITH BIOMETRIC SYSTEM  
Our Case No.: 406990***

Dear Rakesh:

Enclosed is a draft patent application covering your invention. When you have reviewed it, please let me have any comments that you may have with respect to additions or corrections. Please feel free to telephone me with your comments so that we can speed up the filing.

When the application is in condition for filing, Kimberley DiMino can help you to execute it properly, and she can also assist in getting the application back to us for filing.

Cordially yours,

**SEYFARTH, SHAW**



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**EXHIBIT 6**



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November 8, 2001

## VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: Draft Patent Application  
For: Gaming Device With Biometric System  
Our File: P-699  
Your File: 406990

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Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you for your letter dated October 15, 2001, regarding the above-entitled draft Patent Application. Please note that I am enclosing comments and revisions to the existing application made by the inventor to the application for your information. Please review these comments and make the changes you think are appropriate. I would appreciate your sending all formal documents and final drafts of the application directly to me, so that I can expedite the return of the formal documents to you for filing with the U.S. Patent Office. Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence by executing the acknowledgement block at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to me via facsimile at (775) 448-0120.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lena Van Asdale directly at (775) 448-7775 or myself at (775) 448-1438 to discuss.

Very truly yours,  
  
Kimberley A. Dimino  
Supervisor, Intellectual Property

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cc: Lena Van Asdale, Esq.

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**Date:** 11/19/01 2:05PM  
**Subject:** Biometrics-Key text

Gary

here is a link to a some information on capacitive scanning.  
If you refer to the paragraph on Finger scanning it will give you an idea  
about what I was referring too.

Rakesh Bhakta  
IGT  
Las Vegas

<http://www.science.org.au/nova/064/064key.htm>  
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Re: Your Ref. P-699  
Gaming Device with Biometrics System  
Our Case No. 406990

Dear Rakesh:

Enclosed is the revised draft patent application, responsive to your comments in writing on the draft and in our telephone conversation. Please let me know if you have any other comments.

If the application meets with your approval, please execute the Declaration and Power of Attorney, plus the Assignment, which should be executed before a notary, Kimberley DiMino can help you in this, and she can also assist in getting the application to us for filing.

Cordially yours,

SEYFARTH SHAW

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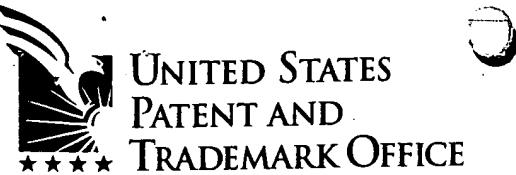
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BHAKTA, RAKESH

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FILING DATE: 01/07/2002  
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Rakesh Bhakta hereinafter the assignor, for good and valuable consideration, hereby assigns to IGT, a Nevada corporation, hereinafter the assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the assignor disclosed in an application for Patent of the United States, identified as Case No. 406990 in the offices of Seyfarth Shaw, 55 East Monroe, Chicago, Illinois 60603 and entitled GAMING DEVICE WITH BIOMETRIC SYSTEM in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the assignor may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained on any of said applications and in any reissue or extension of such patents.

The assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Patent to said assignee.

The assignor warrants himself to be the owner of the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements and to have the right to make this assignment, and further warrants that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other encumbrances on the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations the assignor hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary declaration, oath, or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements that said assignee, its successors, or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the assignor further agrees, upon the request of said assignee, its successors, or assigns, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the assignor with said assignee, its successors, or assigns, in any proceedings or transactions involving such application or patents, including the preparation and execution of preliminary statements, giving and producing evidence, and performing any and all other acts necessary to obtain and enforce said Patent, both United states and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the

assignee, its successors, and assigns, whereby said patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which said Patent will be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment had not been made.

Date: 12/06/01

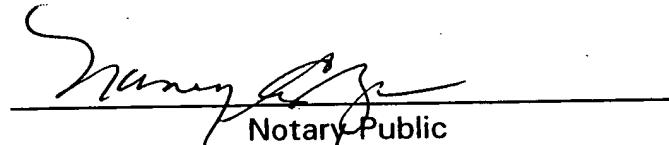


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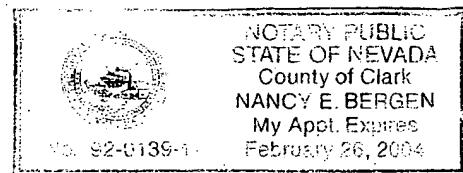
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On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Rakesh Bhakta, to me personally known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the use and purpose therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

  
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Notary Public

(SEAL)





Docket No. 406990

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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